

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated March 27, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-5, 7-8 and 10-19 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 7-8 and 10-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP2002-333628(hereinafter “628”) in view of US 5,511,591(hereinafter “591”).

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/316,109, filed December 11, 2002 now U.S. Patent No. 6,724,458. The present application and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/316,109 claim priority to Korean Patent Application No. 2001-083218 filed on December 22, 2001. “628” has a Japanese filing date of May 5, 2001, and a publication date of November 22, 2002. Thus, the priority date of the present application antedates the publication date of “628”. As such, “628” is not valid prior art against the claims of the present application . Applicants submit a certified English translation of Korean Patent Application No. 2001-083218 was previously filed in the present application on October 25, 2005, thus perfecting the claim of priority thereto. Because “628” is not valid prior art against the claims of the present application, “591” alone fails to render the claims of the present application obvious. Accordingly claims 1-5, 7-8 and 10-19 are allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicants believe the foregoing remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37

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C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

The undersigned hereby signs this filing under the authority provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.34 pending the filing of a Power of Attorney and Statement under 3.37(b) executed by Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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